

Chevaux Shrine
U.S. Route 61
Perryville vicinity
Perry county
Missouri

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

CHEVAUX SHRINE

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Location: U.S. Route 61, six miles south of Perryville, Perryville
vicinity, Perry County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Stone house built ca. 1830, with modern porch and brick wing. The walls are of local limestone, soft tan-grey in color, twenty-two inches thick. The house is said to have been built to use as a fort for protection against neighboring Indians. One of the original casement windows remains. The interior woodwork is said to have been altered from the original.

Wayside shrine erected ca. 1850. Though now a ruin, many inscriptions on it. One reads "The Holy Cross/1851/J.M.J." On the top of the top stone can be read "To the Glory of God" and a few letters of French words can be traced on the same stone. On the lower stone is crudely inscribed: "Precieux souvenir dun Chretien/Pour arriver au souverain bien."

Barn built ca. 1840.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.